

# **IRTS RADIO NEWS BULLETIN Sunday February 15th 1998**

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## **New LF Band Authorised in EI**

With effect from January 1st 1998, a new band has been available to EI experimenters. The band is from 135.7 to 137.8kHz and is a secondary allocation on a non-interference basis.

The modes 1A1 and J3E will be issued as standard and other modes will be considered if applied for. The power allowed will be 100 watts. This new band is issued under a CEPT agreement and should be available in all CEPT countries.

Applications must be made to use the band and must include equipment details.

Finbar EI0CF up in north Donegal seems to have been the first EI off the mark and has a beacon on the air each Saturday and Sunday on 136.36kHz from 1000 until 1300.

He would appreciate reports and his telephone number is broadcast as part of the beacon message.

We await with interest news of the first QSO on this new band.

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## **EI6GS on Radio na Gaeltachta**

Danny EI6GS will be interviewed on Raidio na Gaeltachta this Sunday (15th February) at 6.30 p.m. The programme is called Tamall Comhra (Conversation Time) and the host is Conal O Dufai (Conal is very interested in Amateur Radio). Danny is interviewed about other things as well but spends 5 minutes on the topic of Amateur Radio. Raidio na Gaeltachta gives great coverage to Amateur Radio. This programme is the 5th to deal with the hobby in the last year. In April they broadcast an hour long program including interviews with Bernie EI6AX, Danny EI6GS and Paddy EI7GK. The AGM in Ballybofey got 2 items, before and after. In August Paddy EI7GK was interviewed about his Worked All Ireland mobile and portable activity in Donegal.

Remember 6.30 p.m. Sunday 15th Feb. Radio na Gaeltachta. 92 to 94 MHz FM throughout the country and also on Medium Wave in the Gaeltacht regions.

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## **South Dublin Radio Club**

The Annual General Meeting of South Dublin Radio Club will take place on Tuesday 24th February at 8.30 pm, in the club's QTH at the Ballyroan Community Centre, Marian Road, Rathfarnham.

All members are requested to attend.

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## **South East Amateur Radio Group**

The Annual General meeting of the South East Amateur Radio Group will take place in Egans Lounge Bar on Wednesday March the 11th at 8.30pm. All members are expected to attend this meeting. Intending members are also very welcome.

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## **East Cork A.R.E.N.**

The inaugural meeting of the East Cork A.R.E.N. group was held recently in the Old School in Ladysbridge.

Mike EI4HF outlined the aims of the newly formed A.R.E.N. Group and the meeting was attended by Liam EI7FE, Hugh EI2HI and Tommy EI9EZB from the Tipperary A.R.E.N. Group. Liam addressed the meeting and outlined their experiences of co-ordinating communications to other users using the ethos of A.R.E.N. He detailed how they ran a very successful exercise for the Fleadh Cheol in Clonmel and also outlined their experiences of helping the Tipperary Mountain Club on several hill climbing expeditions in the recent past.

There is the possibility of a joint venture between both groups in the future. The East Cork A.R.E.N. Group would like to express their appreciation to the aforementioned members of the Tipperary A.R.E.N. Club who travelled from Clonmel for this meeting.

Another meeting is planned for Tuesday February the 17th at the Old School in Ladysbridge starting at 8.30pm. Any amateur or SWL in the East Cork area is more than welcome to attend.

Further information from Mike EI4HF or Denis EI6HB, both QTHR.

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## **Trinity College Amateur Radio Club**

The Trinity College Amateur Radio club station has been set up again, operating mainly 20 and 40 metres. The equipment in use is an FT-101ZD fed into a half size G5RV. The station is being operated by Keith Nolan EI5IN and is mostly on during the afternoons.

QSOs with EI stations are especially welcome.

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## **DXCC News**

Congratulations to the two latest Echo India DX Century Club members. The January edition of QST, the magazine of the ARRL, shows Declan EI9HQ in both the mixed and phone listings while Don EI4HM is shown in the CW listing.

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Items for inclusion in both the Radio News and Newsletter can be faxed to 021-632730 or passed on the telephone to Dave EI4BZ at 021- 632444 during the day and at 021-883555 in the evening.

Mail can also be sent on packet to EI4BZ on cluster or at the EI7DKB BBS or by E-mail to dave\_moore@telecom.ie. The Radio News Editor John EI7DNB can be contacted at 021-353277 after 1800 or on cluster or on Internet at jbarry@imbolc.ucc.ie.

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